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SUBJECT: POSITION FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH JAPAN ON
COMPENSATION ISSUES, JULY 15

1. TPSC HAS APPROVED FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
SUBJECT MEETING:

THE U.S. DELEGATION SHOULD PROPOSE TO JAPAN THE
FOLLOWING:

A. THAT SEPARATE DISCUSSIONS BE CONDUCTED ON CERAMIC
DINNERWARE WITH A VIEW TO REVISING THE PRESENT U.S. TARIFF
NOMENCLATURE AND CONCESSIONS ON DINNERWARE TO CONFORM WITH

THE PROPOSAL CONTAINED IN TPSC 76-35 AND THAT THE DUTY
REDUCTIONS INVOLVED IN THAT PROPOSAL WOULD CONSTITUTE FULL
COMPENSATION FOR THE ESCAPE-CLAUSE ACTION ON DINNERWARE.

B. THAT OUTSTANDING CREDITS DUE THE UNITED STATES FOR
CONTINUED APPLICATION OF CONCESSION RATES ON COTTON
TYPEWRITER RIBBON CLOTH, CARPETS, GLASS, AND THE COMPENSA-
TION ITEMS FOR STAINLESS STEEL TABLE FLATWARE WOULD
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CONSTITUTE PARTIAL COMPENSATION TO JAPAN FOR THE ESCAPE-

CLAUSE ACTION ON BALL BEARINGS, BUT THAT THE RESIDUAL AMOUNT DUE JAPAN WOULD BE DETERMINED AND SETTLED IN THE CONTEXT OF THE MTN. (IN THE EVENT THAT JAPAN SHOULD RAISE ANY DOUBTS ABOUT U.S. FUTURE PAYMENT FOR BALL BEARINGS IN VIEW OF OUR PROPOSALS REGARDING COMPENSATION IN THE SAFEGUARDS GROUP, JAPAN SHOULD BE STRONGLY REASSURED THAT WE WILL MEET OBLIGATIONS WHICH WE HAVE ALREADY UNDERTAKEN.)

C. ANY UNDERSTANDINGS REACHED IN THE CONSULTATION SHOULD BE INCORPORATED IN AN AGREED MINUTE.

2. STATISTICAL BACKGROUND DATA PREVIOUSLY FORWARDED TO MCNAMARA FOR THE CONSULTATIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED.

3. REVISED PAPER ON DINNERWARE AND PAPER ON COMPENSATION ISSUES WILL BE HAND CARRIED BY BILL HART. KISSINGER

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